

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2829 - SB 2787

March 13, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class E felony offense for a person to intentionally register or permit a person to vote known not to be entitled to register or vote. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for any election official to knowingly allow an unauthorized person to perform the duties of an election official.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-109, it is a Class E felony to knowingly make or consent to any false entry on a permanent voter registration, poll list, tally sheet, or any other official registration or election document.
- Any violation of the new Class E felony is currently illegal and would be prosecuted under Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-109, which requires a lower standard of intent ("knowingly" versus "intentionally" in the bill). This bill accordingly will result in no additional felony convictions.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for the Class A misdemeanor offense for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director